Merry Christmas

The Shakerite

Happy New Year

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Shaker's Winter Waltz Greets Alumni and Students Tomorrow

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? In the gym, snow is glistening. A beautiful sight! We'll be happy that night, dancing at the Shaker Winter Waltz.

And those aren't just revised lyrics to an old song, because truer words were never spoken. The night of the Christmas Dance is Saturday, December 17, and Shakerites are assured that it will be the biggest social event of the year. The dress is semi-formal, and all male Shakerites are urged to invite their best gals and invade the world's only indoor wonderland.

Hard working chairman of this gay affair is Dianne Danka. Her able assistants are Terry Pim and Anne McClellan, co-chairman of the entertainment committee, Kate Kramer and Tom Pecsok of the ticket committee, and Jimmy Bialosky of the decoration committee.

An added attraction will be the presence of Shaker Alumni, home from college for Christmas vacation. The collegians will be quite an addition to the festivities as they mix and mingle with their old pals.

Shakerites will dance from 8:30 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. to the swing and sway of Bob Patti's band. The gym walls will be covered with gay skating figures and gleaming white snow-flakes to complete the frosty atmosphere.

The price for this evening of fun is only one dollar and fifty cents, and it's one evening that will be well worth the cost.

So get out your boots and snowballing gloves, Shakerites, and be prepared for a really terrific occasion.

Bonnie Cobert

Staff and Children Enjoy Xmas Party

Staff members' children, nieces, and nephews will long remember this year's P.T.A.-Social Council Christmas party.

On Wednesday, December 14, at 3:30 the members of the staff and their children were entertained at the annual Staff Family Christmas Party. Each child had his own Social Council member to arrange for his private amusement and relieve his parents of his care. Refreshments were provided by the P.T.A., and each child went home with a gift presented to him by Santa Claus himself as a souvenir of the occasion.

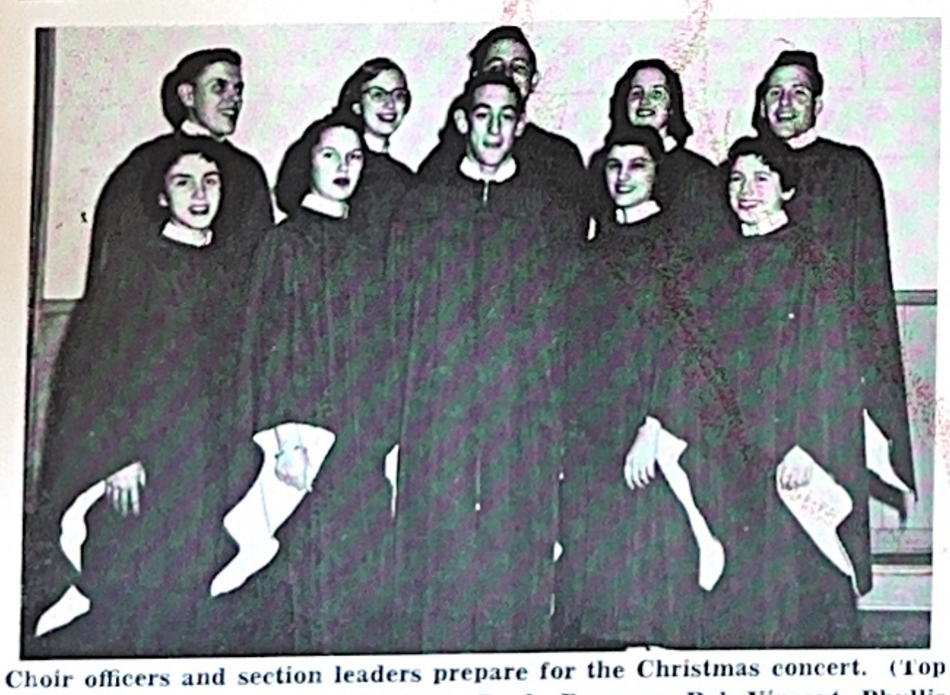
A Cappella Choir Gives Varied Program of Yuletide Carols

Coming from the halls of Sterling-Lindner-Davis and the streets of Public Square, the A Cappella Choir rounds up its busy schedule of Christmas programs with our own concert. Mr. Reynold Ellis presents his carolers in an unusual program containing songs from other lands.

Beginning the concert at four o'clock this Sunday afternoon the combined A Cappella Choir and Glee Club are singing three numbers, one of which is "Alleluja" from Mozart's motet, "Exultate, Jubilate." Judith Molnar has the solo part in "Forgive Our Sins',, a Jewish antiphonal which is used in the Yom Kippur services. Poking his head into this program of classical music is the popular "Mr. Sandman."

Importing some Spanish Christmas cheer the choir is singing "Dormi, Dormi, Bel Bambin" with a solo by Mary Ann Cristiano. The other carols it is singing are "See, Amid the Winter's Snow," "Christmas Tree," "Come with Torches," and "Christ Child So Fair."

The Choir has invited its alumni to join with it in closing the program with the magnificent "Halleluja Chorus" from Handel's Messiah."



Choir officers and section leaders prepare for the Christmas concert. (Top row, left to right) Richard Gibbons, Paula Brouwer, Bob Vincent, Phyllis Kaplan, Mike Gavlak. (Bottom row, left to right) Linda Kahn, Beverly Bell, Paul Roskoph, Mary Ann Cristiano, and Ellen Passan.

Principal's Message

For each of you I wish health and happiness during the Holiday Season and the New Year. With you I join in gratitude for a Great Teacher who taught and practiced peace and goodwill to all mankind.

Russell H. Rupp

Parma Is Host to L. E. L. Conference

The six schools which make up the Lake Erie League are fortunate in having an extensive program of activities in which all students can participate. Yet the L. E. L. is trying to promote even better relations between its member schools.

On Dec. 7 five Student Council members, including the officers, from each school in the league met at Parma to discuss ways in which we might better our schools through co-operation. The conference began at 9:45 with a welcome by Jean Tomasello, Parma's president, and a speech by the Honorable George P. Allen, Municipal Judge of the City of Parma. After the morning session, the visitors were served lunch in the cafeteria and had a free recreational and social period. At 1:15 the students broke up into three discussion groups with these topics: Suggested procedures for insuring the smoother operations of a Student Council; What the Lake Erie League Student Councils can do to promote better relations between member schools; and, the function of the Student Council in promoting school spirit as opposed to club spirit. After the discussion groups adjourned there was a business session in which each group secretary gave her report and there was a general discussion period.

Bill Benson, Mary Miller, Ken Berns, Dianne Danka, Nancy Williams, and Mr. Klyver who attended this conference felt that it was very worthwhile and made plans with other schools for promoting the spirit of friendly rivalry and constructive activity among the Lake Erie League schools.

Acquaintances Renewed At Hi-Y Annual Banquet

Both former and present members of Hi-Y will gather at the annual Hi-Y Banquet which will be held at the Heights YMCA building.

The Banquet, which will take place on December 28, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. As in past years, each guest will stand and tell the others his name and grade or the college he attends so that everyone may become acquainted.

After the dinner Mr. Kurt Keener, the Hi-Y adviser, will show slides of the activities of Shaker's Hi-Y chapters during the last ten years.

The evening will provide an opportunity for everyone to renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

Nancy Schweid

Jim Dery, Bob Carleton, Pete Harwood, and Bob Gould eye the pile of presents shared by fifty underprivileged children last Sunday.

Hi-Y Members Give 50 Orphans A Party to Be Long Remembered

'Twas two weeks before Christmas, and all through the "Y", fifty orphans were joyfully riding on high! The twenty-five senior boys and their dates happily opened the gates to a barrel of fun for everyone. This was the atmosphere of the 1955 Orphan Party. Since 1950, several dozen children each year have had a brighter Christmas because of this party, given annually by the senior chapter of Hi-Y.

Although these children, who come from Beachbrook Home on Lander Road, and the University Settlement House on Fleet Road, are not really orphans, this is their only chance to have a truly Merry Christmas. The children who live at Beachbrook are unable to live at home for many reasons; though they do go home for Christmas, they don't enjoy it nearly so much as our younger brothers and sisters do. Those children from the University Settlement House live with their families, but they are on relief and have a meager Christmas.

Hi-Y's senior chapter, under the leadership of President Jim Dery and Vice-President Bob Eastman, decided this year to entertain 50 orphans. Each couple "adopted" two children for the afternoon. The party took place at the Heights Y. M. C. A. last Sunday, December 11, *from 3 to 5:30—two and a half solid hours of fun and merrymaking. Presents were distributed by Santa himself — Bill Sebelin — complete with flowing white beard, red suit, and pillows. The Chanticleers provided the day's music, and a magician was obtained to baffle the group with a variety of tricks.*

The children arrived shy, some a bit afraid, but in just one afternoon, a real friendship sprang up between each child and his "parents" for the day. The party reduced the Hi-Y treasury by about $175 to $185, but everyone who was at, or has ever been at, one of these parties will tell you it was worth far more than that. In fact, when the day came to an end, it was hard to tell who was happier, the children who had a real Christmas, or the Shakerites who made it possible.

Reward of Giving

Christmas is a time of the year when there is a general good feeling which seems to infect everyone. The exchange of presents on this day is an expression of that feeling, but there are many people who do not share in this joyful custom because of a lack of money.

These people have applied for relief from the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department which supplies them with money for **necessities only.** So it is up to Shaker students to give them that extra Christmas pleasure they will get from some small gift which they ordinarily might not receive because of the misfortune they have suffered.

Thanks to the efforts of Shaker students it was possible to provide these families with Christmas gifts. During the week of December 5 each homeroom had the responsibility of raising money for the family that they had chosen through their Student Council representative. The history of this family was given to Mr. Klyver for this purpose although fictitious names were used. If your money bought a doll for a little girl, a train for a boy, a real Christmas tree for a family, your Christmas is sure to be happier because of it.

With Judy Social Fancy and Nancy

"Hey, Judy, guess what happened,
They're captains once again.
The basketball and wrestling teams
Have chosen George and Den."

"And, Nancy, heard the latest?
"No, Jud—I can't keep track!"
"The swimming captain for this year
Is Harry Hattenbach."

Well, boys, you've got your captains
And season's just begun.
Go out and show the other teams
Exactly how it's done!

Classroom Capers

Hey, kids, how do you like your cool school? — and we mean that literally! The students of Mr. Dixon's second period history class, bountifully bundled, were last seen shivering their way to the second floor in search of a warm room in which to defrost. For the preservation of such useful things as fingers and ears, Mike Freisler was sporting mittens and earmuffs! Have any trouble taking notes, Mike?

"Oh, Judy, Macbeth is getting so hard lately that I'm just about ready to pass out."

"Well, Nanc, as a matter of fact, one senior did! Frankie Bramson, starring as Lady Macbeth in Miss Palmer's Shakespearean Theater, certainly carried her part out in every detail — and then the class carried her out!"

Tops in Pops

Quartets have been invading the world of popular music for the last three years, making one smash hit after another, the latest of which is "Come to Me" by the Rover Boys. Also high on the Hit Parade is Dean Martin's "Memories are Made of This", "Memories of You" by the Four Coins and many others. But somehow there are always a few people who still like the old standards. Why, just today somebody spotted Joyce Schaeffer strolling down the hall humming, "Seems Like Old Times." . . . Funny thing is, it seems that just about this time of year, for some unknown reason, people always develop an unexplainable interest once again in Christmas music. Wonder why?

Holiday Happenings

1. Christmas Alumni Dance
2. Senior girls' formal
3. Princeton Triangle Show
4. Mask and Wig Show
5. Casy Mullen's Formal Dance
6. Country Club Dances
7. For good movie enjoyment see "The Benny Goodman Story," "Guys and Dolls," and "Oklahoma".

"Well, Nanc, I'll bet you thought vacation was never gonna get here."

"Don't laugh, Judy, I was really beginning to give up hope. Just listen to what happened to me today—

'Twas the last hour of English, and the thoughts in my head
Were not on my studies, but vacation instead.
The parties, the dances, the days filled with glee
And sleeping 'til twelve seemed like heaven to me.
A whole bunch of presents—Wow! What could be better?
Gee, maybe mom bought me that new purple sweater!
But nicer than scheming for gifts I'd receive
Were thoughts of my dream guy for this New Year's Eve.
I was so lost in visions that I was not aware
That my teacher was standing right next to my chair.
Though she spoke not a word, her eyes sternly set
Seemed to say, "Your vacation has not begun yet!"
And I sighed glancing upward; it was plain as could be
That the clock on the wall said just quarter past three!
"Why is it," I thought, "minutes won't hurry by?
If the bell doesn't ring soon, I know that I'll die!"
So I drowned myself once again in Macbeth,
Squirming and twisting, and just bored to death.
But, before I knew it, the school bell was ringing,
And a holiday message it seemed to be bringing.
"Three cheers!" I cried, shedding my one joyful tear,
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL—AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Calendar of Events

Friday, Dec. 16	7:00	Basketball at Heights
Saturday, Dec. 17	8:00	Euclid Relays
	8:30	Christmas Alumni Dance
Sunday, Dec. 18	4:00	Christmas Choir Concert
Wednesday, Dec. 21	6:30	Hi-Y Annual Banquet
Thursday, Dec. 22	8:00	Basketball at Heights vs. Collinwood
Tuesday, Jan. 3		Back to School
Thursday, Jan. 5	3:30	Wrestling at Euclid
Friday, Jan. 6	7:00	Basketball vs. Parma, here
Saturday, Jan. 7		Kent State Relays

Senior Formal Dance Gives Girls a Chance

Added to this year's party parade during Christmas vacation is the Celestial Ball. This formal dance is being given by the senior girls. In previous years only a small group of seniors attended this dance, but this year an invitation was extended to every senior girl.

The dance is to be held at the Shaker-Lee Hall on December 27 from 9 to 1. Dancing music during the evening will be provided by the "Collegians." A large Christmas tree will be placed in a room adjoining the large dance floor. Each couple is asked to bring one ornament, which will be used for decorating the tree. Pictures of each couple next to the tree will be taken for a small fee. The girls and their dates will also enjoy a chicken dinner served cabaret style.

In charge of the organization for this dance are Gail Rosenbaum and Roberta Rubenstein. These two girls have appointed the following committee chairmen: Joan Liebenthal and Paula Danaceau, treasury; Rolly Freed and Carol Menefee, tickets; Kathie Meyer and Carol Critchfield, decorations.

Reminder to all senior girls—Get your date right away. There's still time to make a reservation.

In Response

The paragraph concerning the dress of a few boys at Shaker seems to have aroused a feeling of indignation among several Shaker students. Many have voiced objections because they don't feel that the school or the paper has any business telling students what they should and should not wear. One of the loudest complaints heard was voiced against the use of the word "racketeer." And many felt that the editorial would not speak well for Shaker when it reached the other schools with which the Shakerite exchanges papers. We would like to explain the reasons why we brought this matter to your attention and why we presented it in such a fashion.

Does the school have any say in determining what the students should wear to school? We feel that it does when it has the best interests of the students in mind. Through actually talking with leaders from other L. E. L. schools, we find that we are not alone in this. They, too, are interested in the dress habits of their fellow students. It is not the intent of anyone to criticize a boy if the cuff of his trousers measures one inch less in diameter than the cuff of the trousers of the next boy. But it is the school's business to look after and try to help someone whose dress obviously does not recommend him to others in the best way. It is the job of the people in this school to educate people in living together as well as in book learning. If suggesting better dress is one way of doing this then we feel that the school is within its rights.

Naturally, it is not true that every boy who has long hair and pegged pants is a racketeer. But people seem to have built up an association in their minds between this form of dress and that expression. Perhaps some of the people who criticized the last editorial vigorously might remember using the term themselves sometime, merely because of another's dress.

Inventory

As the old year comes to a close it is well for us to take stock of ourselves. Let us pause for a moment to reflect.

The past year has added to our knowledge: we know a little bit more about a great many things. Perhaps some of the things we have tasted in 1955, we will chew and digest in 1956. May we strive to extend our abilities to the fullest, to realize opportunities when they present themselves, and to make opportunities when they don't.

The greatest achievement we can make is to see our own failings. Once we know them we must be of firm mind to overcome them. By doing so we may turn today's shortcoming into tomorrow's advantage.

We should look to the future to absorb its values, and to recognize its pitfalls. Let us make the most of every day; let every hour count. Let's not be afraid to benefit from what has gone before, to strive for our goals, and to move forward.

Shaker Grads Make Good at College

Many Shaker alumni have gone on to college and have been outstanding in various fields. One of last year's graduates, Sue Lowry, has been elected president of the freshman class at Goucher College.

Dan Schweid, at the end of his freshman year at Princeton, ranked scholastically among the top ten in a class of approximately 750 students. Thomas Deutsch and Louis Miller are on the Dean's Honor List at the College of Engineering of Cornell University for the academic year 1954-55. This means that they had an average of 85% or better in their studies, and were in the top 10% of the college. Arthur Bankhurst and Richard Brandes received honors on the Dean's List at Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the spring term of 1955.

Gary Michael, who was active in chess at Shaker, won the State Junior Chess Championship in a tournament held during Labor Day week-end. Larry Gusman has been chosen to be a disc jockey on the student radio station at the University of Michigan. Judy Komito was elected to the dance club at Junior Lasell College.

Decoration Party In Gym Tonight

Miss "Holly" extends her personal invitation to all fellow Shakerites to help trim the girls' gym for the Christmas dance to be held the next night. Decorations will be prepared just to hang up. Workers should come ready to put up snowflakes and other trimmings between seven and nine o'clock. For those who may become hungry during the evening, the snack bar will be open.

Senior Y-Teen Party Spreads Xmas Spirit

"We can hardly wait until they come," were the delighted words of the seven and eight year old children at the Friendly Inn Settlement House. They were referring to this afternoon's Christmas party being held down at the settlement house.

For three years the senior chapter of Y-Teen has had as their service project the Christmas party for small children at Friendly Inn. Beverly Bell and a few members of the service committee are entertaining the children this afternoon with carol singing and refreshments. The highlight of the gala affair is the moment when three-time Santa Claus Gloria Linsay and Judi Sue Eglin, as a clown, hand out the gifts that all Senior members of Y-Teen bought and wrapped at their December meeting.

Not only do the children look forward to the Y-Teens' coming, but members who have gone down to Friendly Inn before have said that it was a fundamental part of the holiday season to spread some Christmas spirit.

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'Twas the night before Christmas . . .

Shaker Alums Back For Cindy's Ball

Many glass slippers were to be found on the steps of Shaker High School Saturday night, November 12, as a large portion of our Cinderella-minded student body arrived for the annual Harvest Hop, a dressy date dance. This affair was sponsored by the Y-Teen to raise money for its service projects.

Students, together with members of last year's alumni, gathered in the girls' gym, which had been gaily decorated to suit the theme of the dance by Myrna London and her committee. Large images of Cinderella and her friends, characterizing them in various ways, adorned the walls of the gym.

Girls and boys, feeling the enchantment of this atmosphere, danced until the witching hour of midnight to the music of Marty Conn and his band. However, even in this story-book setting appetites were hearty, so all guests enjoyed the punch and cookies that were thoughtfully provided and served by co-chairmen Caroline Cole and Irene Stifel and their committee. Added to the festivities that night was a jazz demonstration by Marty Conn's band, which also honored visiting alumni by playing various college fight songs.

Many members of the Y-Teen organization were directly responsible for the success of the dance. In charge of committees were: Marilyn Horak and Gloria Linsay, publicity; Mary Gibson and Mary Ann Cristiano, tickets; and Penny Johns and Janet James, entertainment. Joan Linas and Beverly Bell saw to it that last year's alumni received invitations to the dance. The Harvest Hop was a wonderful climax to the fall season.

David Meil

And all through the house . . .

Christmas Assembly Shows Great Variety

Christmas spirit ran high on last Thursday, December 15, when faculty and student body combined talents to produce a really outstanding holiday program.

The art department, in charge of decorations for the occasion, is to be congratulated on the highly effective results of the many hours of planning and hard work put into the project.

The Girls' Glee Club entertained with familiar and favorite Christmas carols, and the Chanticleers were equally enjoyable in their presentation of Fred Waring's delightful arrangement of "The Night Before Christmas." Mr. Ellis directed both these portions of the program.

Another memorable part of the assembly was the telling of the very old but always inspirational Christmas story. A pleasant innovation this year was the narrative accompanying the Modern Dance group's contribution to the entertainment. Mr. Kelly Danford supplied the narrators from his speech sections, while Miss Burkett was in charge of the dancers, who did a series of charming numbers making use of various symbols appropriate to the season. Shakerites were enthusiastic in their praise of the forty-five minute "spectacular."

Merry Christmas, Shakerites

Who Stuffed Santa's Mail Box?

Santa Hires New Workers for the Holidays to Fill Overwhelming Requests From Shaker Students

As the Yuletide season approaches, thoughts of Christmas gifts swim dreamily through the minds of our good little Shakerites. Children all over the world have written long lists to Santa asking him to bring them the many gifts which they desire. The little boys and girls of Shaker High are no different; they, too, have filled out their lists of Christmas wishes. Here are some of those wishes that head the lists.

The hope for 1956 convertibles seem to be uppermost in the minds of Shaker students. **Janice Greenbaum** and **Cathy Connelly** have a longing for a Cadillac Eldorado with mink-lined ashtrays. **Larry Schwacter** would be perfectly satisfied with a plain '56 Caddy as long as it comes equipped with the showroom girl. **Jinny Sifritt** is hoping for a fire-engine red Ford convertible, while **Roma Sims** is so anxious to drive that she'll settle for just the fire engine. **Kenny Koblitz** would like his car **Simon**ized. "Cool cats" **Bob Carleton** and **Dennis Sobol**, who have the cars, would like some accessories like fender skirts and fur-lined mufflers.

Not a creature was stirring . . .

Not even a mouse.

The children were nestled . . .

All snug in their beds . . .

Dick Scwenger and **Gwynn Williams** who already have the cars and the accessories are more anxious for their licenses. And **Ann Smith** who has already received her license wants it back. (What happened, **Smitty**?)

Shaker has its share of lovers of the little animal world, too. **Margie Schwartzman** and **Midge Shepperd** would like a few horses. **Toodie Mandel** and **Pat Tenbeau** would rather have a French poodle, while **Betsy Hawes** hopes that she will find a little cocker spaniel in her Christmas stocking. **Nancy Schweid** would like a great, big teddy bear, while **Charlie Kahn** prefers a **Fox.** and **Joyce Neiditz** is hoping for a Princeton tiger. (What would you call it, Joycie, Mron Sbocaj?)

Judy Walker and **Phyllis Donley** want a box-full of boyfriends, while **Joyce Slavin** says she'll settle for one. Desirous of dates for the "Big Night" are **Faith Siegel, Christy Klein,** and **Gail Simon.** C'mon, fellows, hurry before it's too late.

Some of our fashion plates, like **Nancy Jenson,** are desirous of new wardrobes. **Dave Jones** doesn't care much about himself, but he hopes that Santa will bring sister **Betsy** a crew-neck sweater. He's tired of her borrowing his all the time! **Barbie Weinberger** wants to go off her very strict diet (well, maybe not that strict) and **Nancy Wilkoff** would be delighted to gain all those pounds that Barb loses. **Rod Sienna** wants a new pair of white bucks and **Pete Bergman** is hopeful of having every Shaker boy follow his good example of wearing jackets and ties every day. (Wouldn't the girls go ape over that!)

Phyllis Burkons wants naturally curly hair and **Louise Rose** wants Santa to leave her a pony tail.

While the Shaker girls are out man-hunting, those Shaker Romeos are doing just the opposite. **Ted Bynum** thinks that his Christmas gift should figure about 36"-24"-34". **Joe Harrison** wants one of Donald Duck's nephews (and we don't mean Dewey or Louie.) **Bob Dudnick, Harry Hattenbach, Bill Benson,** and **Walt Freedman** would like to find a dancing harem around their trees on Christmas morn. Thrifty **Pete Harwood** would like to find a **Penny** in his Christmas stocking. The soph boys have resolved that they want the freshman girls.

A great number of Shaker students have asked Santa for some train and plane tickets to those "far away places." **Nancy Caito** for Youngstown, **Jane Cahn** for Syracuse, **Judy Sload** and **Lynn Schwerin** for California, and **Donna Grover** for New York. **George Donahower** is offering a free trip to Florida for any Shakerite who wants to go in his place. **Ken Berns,** who also is going to Florida, would rather be left off in Virginia to see his little Southern fried chicken.

While visions of sugar plums . . .

For their Christmas presents, **Judi Sue Eglin** and **Judy Klein** would like a ticket of admission to any college in the country. **Mary Evans** wants Santa to bring her some ice from the North Pole for her skating pleasure and **Judy Greenberger** wants some snow for the 25th.

While the students are making out their lists, the faculty is doing the same. **Mr. McKeigan** would like a louder bell, and **Mrs. Barrow** wants Santa to leave her a private secretary to keep track of her chairmen. **Miss MacDonald** would like another group of students as alert and intelligent as those in her fifth period class. **Miss Bowen** wants pastel-painted walls in her classroom, preferably sky-blue pink. **Mr. Dixon** wants some new ideas for his daily cartoons. (Do we get an "A" for each idea, Mr. D.?) **Miss Burkett** would like a quiet vacation minus her third period class of junior girls. If Santa brings **Mr. Ellis** and **Mr. Pickering** two additions to their Ivy League wardrobe, it will be a close race to see who will be the first teacher to wear a crew-neck sweater and saddles.

Tony Haber and **Tony Amato** would like to find either **Barbara** or **Beverly** under their trees. Then it could be said, "Which Tony has the twin?" Candy lovers **Rog McArt** and **Tom Baldwin** want a box of **Clark** bars. **Linda Sugarman** wants an amythestery and **Mary Jane Geisinger** desires a small k with a large D. **Johnny Ferguson** wants a tape recorder and **Dave Smith** says that **Renie Stifel** would be enough for him.

Louise Anderson wants her name in the Shakerite. (Merry Christmas, Louise.) **Barb Sacks** wants all the pep rallies on school time. Grade conscious **Norita Wyse** would like the geometry course eliminated from the Shaker Heights Educational Program. **Linda Kahn** and **Frankie Bramson** want an **Evans-Pedone** skirt and **Anne Herzog, Barb Hallett, Judy Rosenberg, Liz Gould,** and **Peggy Maroney** want the bonfire back.

Jackie Seskin says, "Even Santa can't bring me what I want," but more optimistic soph girls, **Ellen**

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Danced through their heads.

Holiday Activities Varied for Highbrow, Lowbrow Enjoyment

Although some lazy Shakerites may be tempted to spend the whole Christmas vacation in bed, there will be many others who will take time out from their studies (?) to attend some of the many events Cleveland has to offer. For these ambitious students, we are printing a list of those places that are particularly interesting.

For those desiring culture, Severance Hall will have a Christmas Program at 3:00 Dec. 18. Eunice Podis, a well-known Cleveland pianist, will play on Dec. 29 and 31.

For the sports-minded, the Barons will play three home games, Hershey, Dec. 17, Pittsburgh, Dec. 28, and Hershey, Dec. 30.

"Stalag 17" will be at the Drury Theatre of the Play House through Dec. 24. "Solid Gold Cadillac" will open Dec. 27. "Reclining Figure" will be at the 77th St. Theatre. The Hanna will have "A Quiet Place" with Tyrone Power Dec. 12-19, and "Lunatics and Lovers" Dec. 26.

At the Arena theatre of Karamu will be "Amahl and the Night Visitors", and at the main theatre will be "The Flowering Peach."

The Heights Art Theatre will feature "A Day to Remember," an English comedy, from Dec. 16-23, and "The Sheep Has Five Legs," a French comedy, on Dec. 25.

Some of the outstanding movies downtown will be "Guys and Dolls" at Loew's Ohio, "Heidi and Peter" at the Stillman, and "Artists and Models" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis at the State. At the Hippodrome will be "Tarantula" and "Running Wild", starting Dec. 8, and "Rains of Ranchipur" starting Dec. 25.

Soph Stuff

By John Ferguson

Chrsitmas Vacation is here and many sophs are eagerly preparing to depart from our hallowed city. Planning to return with bronzed skins are **Judy Pier** and **Lee Yearley,** who are Florida bound. **Dave Smith** is traveling to Philadelphia to spend Christmas with his grandparents.

New York seems to be a popular spot again this year. Many sophs are in the group of fifty-two Shakerites who are leaving for the "big city" on December 18. Led by **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Mr. Fred Heinlen,** and **Miss Alice Richards,** the group will take in all the sights about Manhattan.

Congratulations to those sophomore boys who were the proud recipients of numerals at the Athletic Award Assembly. Special praise goes to **Ernie Meinberg** who is the first member of the class of 1958 to earn a varsity letter.

Noted in Passing

Mimi Bookatz who seems to exist chiefly on dessert.

Sophs with circles under their eyes from cramming before the end of the grade period.

Chuck Frankel working out in the basement corridor in preparation for track in the spring.

Dave Jacobson who won a turkey at the Kinsman-Lee Bowling Alley for scoring the most points above his average.

Got a headache? See **Dave Wallach** who built a workable guillotine as an English project. It's ten feet high and Dave says that it can easily solve all your problems.

After the finals of the Intramural Wrestling Meet, five sophomore boys held championship positions. Victorious in their weight divisions were **Lenny Weiss, Sam Driggins, Ron Prusa, Jerry Davis** and **Peter** Ban.

Entertaining out-of-town guests will be the enjoyable task of **Margie Meyers, Judy Reinfeld, Joann Seidenfeld, Bonnie Cobert,** and **Margie Abrams.** These girls are having friends from summer camp visit them.

Football players are back in physical education classes. The reaction of **Neil "Les Bingamen" Shun** is typical. Neil complains "Gym is too much like work."

Well, Merry Christmas to all and don't forget to hang up your stocking!

Disc Dance Fetes Basketball Fans

Shakerites and Lakewoodites had a special treat after the basketball game in which their two teams contended. They attended a unique social affair here at Shaker—The Disc Dance.

This informal party was held on December 9 in the girls' gym. It was free and open to all who came.

Dick Doering, a junior, was the disc jockey for the evening, and spun some pretty "hot platters." Jay Witte and George Palmer, who manage the snack bar, were behind the counter preparing some hot platters of their own.

All those who attended this unusual type of dance seemed to enjoy themselves because of the informality of the affair.

Seniors Prepare Apperceptive Mass For College Entrance Examinations

To seniors, the coming of winter heralds such things as snow, holiday spirit, vacations, and College Board Exams. Since many colleges require that applicants take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test in the morning and Achievement tests in the afternoon, or only the S.A.T., a greater part of the senior class has been boning up on its knowledge of synonyms, antonyms, and algebra.

Most of the seniors taking College Boards will take them on January 17, 1956, at the High School. The few students who took them on December 3, at Western Reserve University, can sit back now and watch the rest of us cram.

However, since most of the Shakerites taking the S. A. T. in January have had two or three practice sessions already, the test will be old stuff and should be a snap.

On the following week, January 21, the Ohio Senior Scholarship Test will be given here at the High School to those seniors in the top 40 per cent of the class. A list of the high scorers on the test is sent to the colleges and universities, so that they may offer scholarships to those people. Last year, Elizabeth Deutsch had the highest score on the test in the state, and Bruce Havighurst ranked eighth.

Following the Ohio Scholarship Test are semester exams; so it looks like it will be a happy, but studious, new year.

Sturm Cares for Cacti Collection

How many of you Shakerites are aware of our school's greenhouse? This greenhouse is located outside of Mr. Louis Sturm's biology room 303.

The glass structure, which is automatically controlled, was constructed last spring while the school contractors were building the new additions to our school. However, the greenhouse is far from complete. Mr. Sturm is desirous of having a special place for keeping his tools, flower pots, and fertilizer.

The greenhouse is 22½ feet long and 14 feet wide. It is kept at moderate temperature by gas heaters.

All the plants in the greenhouse belong to Mr. Sturm himself, and he has such a large and varied collection that he is unable to make an estimate of the total number. However, he does keep the school's collection of cacti, which was donated to us last year by Dr. Svetlik, the father of one of last year's graduates.

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Sherby, Joyce Zucker, and **Nancy Mitnick,** having spent many gruelling hours in modern dance class, would like some co-ordination. **Louise Abrams, Betsy Karch,** and **Mary Lou Pratt** don't care what presents they get for Christmas just as long as they're mailed from Amherst, Kenyon, and Williams.

These are just a few of the items that head the lists of Shaker students and their teachers. May Santa be good to you and may he bring you all that you desire. And as **Jimmy Dery** and **Tom Pecsock** put it so well, "Let's all have a **Mary** Christmas.

Sue Silverman

Y-Teen Service Meetings Held To Prepare Christmas Projects

December was a busy month for Y-Teen members. On the fifth of the month each chapter held a service meeting to work on its Christmas project.

Harriet Bebout, service chairman of the sophomore chapter, has planned a service project of caroling for Highland View Hospital on December 21. The chapter will also present the hospital with $25 worth of records.

The juniors made tray favors for Highland View at their service meeting, which was arranged by Suzanne Jacobson. They also plan to visit the hospital on December 19.

Christmas carols provided a background of music for the senior service meeting. Each girl wrapped the present she had bought for a child of five to eight. These gifts are for the children at Friendly Inn, a welfare agency. The service committee, led by Beverly Bell, has planned a Christmas party for them, complete with a Santa Claus who will distribute the gifts.

The juniors entertained all the Y-teens at a Christmas party on December 12 in the Girls' Gym. Susie Silverman organized a variety show taking talent from all three classes which was the highlight of the affair. Barbara Weinberger, Ellen Passan, and Linda Kahn sang a medley of Christmas carols. Mary Jane DiGiovanni, Caroline Cole, Ellen Diss, Cathy Connelly, and Lita Clark proved the talent of the sophomores in their act. The club hopes to present the variety show again at an orphanage or home for the aged. The party closed with the serving of refreshments in the Social Room.

Y-Teens bring Christmas joy to needy children. (Left to right) Mary Ann Cristiano, Paula Brouwer, Beverly Bell, Jeanne Cox, Marilyn Hoak, Gloria Linsay, and Ellen Passan.

Rangers Triumph 60-58 Over Shaker

The Lakewood Rangers led by Phil Dubensky came from behind to clip the Shaker Raiders 60-58.

Lakewood entered the contest as the favorite, but were nine point underdogs at the half as the score stood 27-18. In the third quarter Shaker maintained a slim 39-34 lead. However, in the fourth quarter Lakewood "fired both barrels" and pulled out a victory.

Dennis Goodman was high point man for the Raiders with 22 points. Goodman was also the big man on rebounds. Dubensky was Lakewood's high scorer with 24 points.

The Jay Vees also took a beating from the Ranger quintet, 46-39. The Jay Vee tilt was held up for over an hour because of the treacherous roads which delayed the Lakewood team.

How to Cope With True Life Problems

A Public Service Feature

This is the first of a series of one public service articles to be published at regular intervals (whenever we're underset) throughout the school year. Author's name (Pete Beuret) withheld by request.

Did you ever run into someone you hadn't seen for a while and get the "Isn't it a small world?" treatment? Well, I have and let me tell you I'm getting pretty sick of it. Do you hear? Sick! sick! sick! Every time I hear that unforgivably inaccurate cliche, I feel a strong repulsion for the speaker. Now I belong to that class of people that never becomes violent. (Do you ever become violent? I never get violent. Well . . . hardly ever. Once in a while, I guess, but not often. Well . . . not too often). Anyhow since I never become violent, it is necessary to substitute with something else, like an eye gouge or a swift blow to the mid-section. I have found this technique particularly effective on women or midgets. (If you can find a girl midget, it's a cinch.) However, if you are bothered by an older man (over ten years of age) I would suggest another method; namely, the "Confusion and Embarrassment" method. *There follows a sample conversation which I have found invaluable* in dealing with such "people." Study it and use it whenever necessary.

HIM: Isn't it a small world? I haven't seen you since . . .

YOU: (Interrupt him) NO!!!!! (Note, more exclamation points may be used as necessary.)

HIM: (Surprised) No? What do you mean, no? All I said was . . .

YOU: (Interrupt again. It's confusing.) No, it isn't a small world, no. Its equatorial circumference is 24,830 miles.

HIM: (Jarred) But all I meant was . . .

YOU: Land area, 57,469,928; sea area, 139,480,841; total area, 196,950,769 square miles. (The last should be shouted in a loud, harsh voice.)

HIM: But, but, but . . . (You've got him on the ropes) . . .

YOU: (Now you really let him have it) And, the earth weighs more than 596,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons!!

HIM: Ghaaaaaaa (His eyes are spinning around in their sockets. You've won your point.)

And, as he wobbles off into the distance, you can feel proud of yourself for spreading the light of knowledge in the world. (Of course, if this doesn't work, you can always push him in front of a truck!)

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Attention Shakerites!

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Gavlak Gives Opinions on European Teenagers' Educational Achievements

The question has been asked me many times since my return from Europe, "Tell me about the teenager or high school student of Europe," so I thought I'd wind up this three-article series by trying to answer this question.

I am going to divide this answer into three sections and compare their academic program, social life, and extracurricular activities to ours.

If you were walking down a street in almost any large city of Europe and you saw a boy or girl about our age, he wouldn't look much different from you and me. There would be slight differences, like a different hair style, or a slight difference in skin color, or a more serious look, but these things aren't really striking. Their dress is the same.

But deep down inside these teenagers there's a difference that we may not see: they have grown up in an old country among traditions that influence their daily life strongly.

When they go to school they realize that they must work hard to stay there. Their schools differ a lot from ours—whereas we have four or five subjects a year they usually carry from twelve to fourteen, and then a few others. They don't study one language; they take perhaps four or five, then math, history, geography, science, gymnastics, and the arts. In a year's time they cover in each course about as much as we do, so they must really study.

People have said to me, when I told them that I admire the European student for his work, that they probably don't gain the broad education we do with our activities or that we don't need all that language. I have had to answer these statements by saying yes, but while traveling in Europe and at our conference, the American teenagers were at a disadvantage with the people of Europe because they had to speak our language; we couldn't speak theirs. With a world in which nations are being brought closer as each year passes, we will find ourselves wanting more knowledge of other languages and people.

Europeans go to school and specialize at an earlier age than we do. In some countries they aren't compelled by law to stay in school, and must work hard to be permitted to continue. Education is more a privilege, less a right.

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Their social activities are usually not connected with the school, as we find ours; but the churches take over there, planning dances and get-togethers for the teenagers. Until the last ten years parents have dominated the social life of their sons and daughters, but today teenagers date much as you or I do. The main difference is that they don't have the places to go and things to do that we have. They spend their evenings at concerts and the theater or, once in a while, see a movie. But usually, if the church isn't having something for them, they will visit a museum or take a stroll through the park or stay at home.

Their social activities aren't so elaborate as ours but perhaps they are gaining something that we lose when we pass up our chances of going to concerts and opera or even visiting the many museums that our country or city offers.

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Club programs like ours are few in Europe. Their extracurricular activities are limited to church organizations, Y-groups, and athletic associations. The schools don't support teams but the boys join athletic clubs which compete against each other within their own cities and country and against teams from neighboring countries. Without money for facilities they can't carry on so extensive a program as we have but they use everything at their disposal to the fullest extent.

Teenagers in Europe are probably closer to their parents than we are because they spend more time at home. Without all the extracurricular activities that our communities and schools have to offer they may not be so well grounded in some fields as we, but they certainly have a viewpoint worth considering: that a teenager should gain a solid academic education before he broadens out into other fields. Perhaps they are right, perhaps not, but I must admit that at a teenage level they seem to be ahead of us as students.

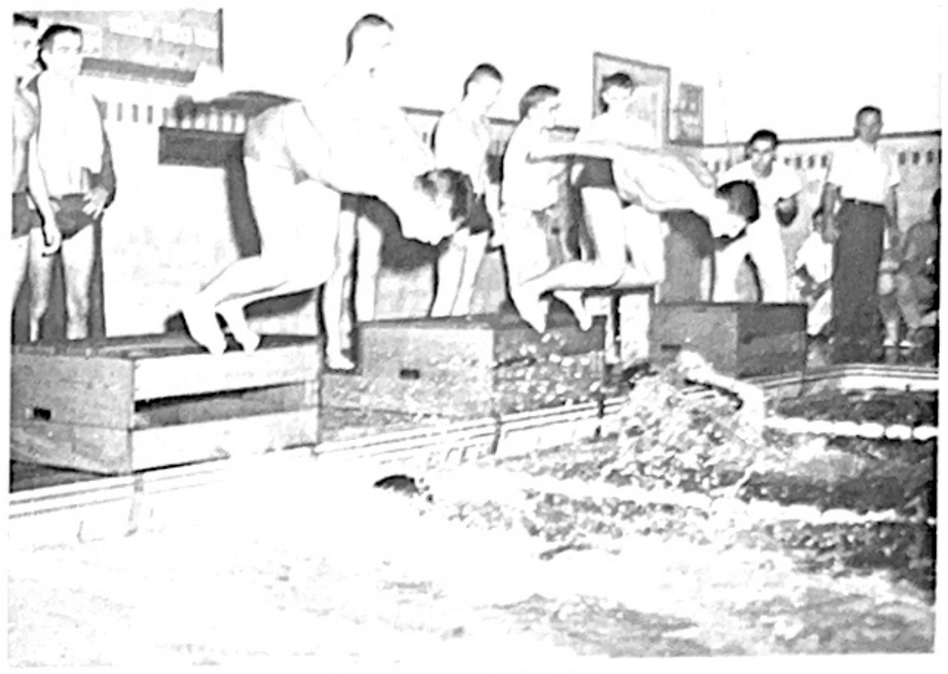
Mike Gavlak

Reading Situation To Be Studied by Staff Committee

There has been much discussion recently about the success of the reading program in American schools. To ascertain whether Shaker students are reading at a proper level, the Planning Committee on Reading has been organized.

Its members, representative of the various departments, are Miss Graham, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Sturm, and Mr. Senft. Miss Macdonald, who now handles reading improvement, is chairman of the committee, and Mrs. MacCampbell, representing the library, is secretary.

The committee will study the present reading situation in the high school, and suggest any improvements they consider necessary.



SWIMMERS 1955-'56
Where Are the Backstrokers?

Red and White Drown Heights; Get Dunked in Lakewood Pool

Starting the '55-'56 season on the right foot, the Shaker mermen fought off a spirited Heights team to win 47-30. High point of the meet, December 2, was the new 240-yard medley relay event. Swum for the first time in Shaker's pool, the race established a new record.

In an all-out effort to make the new mark stick tankers Jim Adler, Pete Crumbine, Marc Perry, and Harry Hattenbach turned in a 2:27.1. Captain Hattenback also copped the 100-yard freestyle while Perry tied for first with Dunn of Heights in the 100-yard breaststroke. Other individual winners for Shaker were Ralph Waldo in the "40," Eric Larsen in the "200" and diver Bob Stevens.

The following Wednesday the tables were turned. A powerful Ranger team edged the Raiders 41-36 at Lakewood. This was the first time in over two years that Shaker has been beaten by an L.E.L. team. Lakewood's star backstroker Frank Vokoun deserves much of the credit for the Ranger victory. Abandoning his usual stroke Vokoun turned in a record-breaking 55.5 in the 100-yard freestyle. Registering firsts for Shaker were Hattenbach in the 100-yard freestyle, Adler in the "50," Stevens in the diving event, and Carlson, Hauser, Slavin, and Hattenbach of the freestyle relay team.

"Lakewood simply out-guessed us," said Coach Paul Stark. "We'll certainly be out to even the score when they return the visit."

Shaker Sends Eight To Hi-Y Conference

Several Shaker students traveled to Hiram College on December 3 to attend the 52nd Annual Hi-Y District Conference for Northeastern Ohio. Shaker delegates were Warren Comisky, Art Geigel, Curt Telzrow, Larry Gould, Pete Lenhart, Pete Ban, Tom Baldwin, and Mike Gavlak. Mike was chairman of the conference's morning session.

The theme of the conference was "That they all may be one." The Ohio delegates to the International Conference in Paris last summer drew up the discussion topics: One in the Club, Home, Community, and World. Dr. William McCleod was the main speaker.

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Raiders Nip Arcs in Overtime; Maniaci Cops Scoring Honors

The 1955-56 basketball season was officially opened as the Red Raiders defeated Brush in one of the most thrilling games ever played at Shaker.

The first half gave a good indication of what was to follow as both teams showed a lot of hustle and scoring ability. The Arcs had a slight height advantage, but the rebounding of Dennis Goodman, Shaker's center and captain, and Dennis Tamscin proved more than the equalizer.

At the intermission the score was 34-28 in favor of Shaker and most of the fans who had just witnessed an exciting JayVee contest were not being let down by the clash of the varsities. As the last half began an air of tension settled over the gym and it continued to mount as the teams traded basket for basket. The scoring was dominated by Corky Maniaci, possessor of perhaps the finest shooting eye in the area, and Charlie Kahn who set up Shaker's offense. Maniaci was high point man for Shaker with 20, and Kahn accounted for 19 Raider points. Tom Spies was the standout for Brush, totaling 20 points.

With one minute remaining and Shaker trailing by a basket, Coach Heinlen substituted for the first time. Mike Blane and Bill German were sent in with orders to get possession of the ball and to score. They came through and as the gun sounded the teams were tied at 63 all.

As the three-minute overtime began the fans of both teams were on their feet pleading for a basket. Brush scored first; the teams traded foul shots, and then Maniaci responded with two baskets and Shaker had garnered its first victory 68-66.

L. E. L. Preview

The following night The Cagers journeyed to Euclid to participate in the L.E.L. preview. After their fine performance against Brush their showing in the preview was a letdown to say the least.

Shaker opened against Shaw and was crushed 19-9. They didn't show the skill or desire of the night before, but this was a natural reaction. Euclid was the Raiders' next opponent and at the end of the first of the two six-minute periods they were leading 14-2, Shaker's points being scored on free throws. Coach Heinlen then sent in an all-new team and although they fought hard the final score was 20-6.

Lakewood, Heights, and Shaw showed well-balanced teams and will be tough to beat in the coming games.

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SHAKER VS. BRUSH
Hustle Over Height

JayVees Drop Initial Tilt to Brush 49-47

The Red Raider JayVee basketball team, with only a few short weeks of practice under their belts, received their "baptism of fire" in their thrilling court duel with the Brush High JayVees.

It was very evident in the early stages of the game that the Shaker boys, in their first game, were very nervous. Their ball handling and court work suffered, and as a result at the half time they were trailing by a sizeable margin. In the second half a transformation came over the boys, and they hacked away gradually at the Arcs' lead.

Chuck Schlam, who was high scorer with 18 points, and Jim Slavin added a tremendous rebound power. They closed the deficit, until in the last minute the score was tied 46-46 by way of two foul shots by Dale Hugh who scored 12 points for the night.

Then with less than a half a minute left the Arcs scored a field goal, which proved to be theevening's margin. Shaker brought the ball up court but their final shot fell short in last seconds of the game.

It was a tough defeat for the squad, but while losing they gave notice that they are a team to be reckoned with now that they have some experience.

Sports Scene

By Jim Greene

Swimming Tidbits

The current dilemma of the swimming team is the lack of backstrokers. Many of the boys who swim crawl will have to be interchangeable as backstrokers. The loss of Broderick may mean a great deal.

The captain for this year's squad will be Harry Hattenbach, who was elected by a majority of his teammates. This is Hattenbach's third year on the team. Harry is also a member of the state champion freestyle relay team, which upset Canton McKinley last season.

Three of the most improved mermen are Jim Adler, John Slavin, and diver Bob Stevens. Adler was nipped for sixth place at Columbus a year ago. Slavin spent last year alternating between the JayVee and varsity ranks. During this campaign, he promises to be an important member of the varsity. Stevens is a competent diver who was a member of the state champion team of 1953.

A new event has been inaugurated; it is the 240-yard medley relay. This event requires four swimmers to swim three lengths of the following: backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and crawl. You will note that the orthodox breaststroke is reappearing as a competitive stroke.

The Tankers will again participate in the City Meet on January 27 and 28 in the Fenn College pool. Coach Stark has finished second in this meet more times than he cares to remember. Maybe fortune will tap the Shaker swimmers this year. On January 11, Shaker will swim Euclid here. Remember, Euclid beat Lakewood after the Rangers trimmed the Red and White so the Raiders have a good opportunity to strike back.

Shaker Grapplers Open Season By Topping Collinwood 36-13

Shaker's wrestling team began its 1955-56 season with a decisive 36-13 victory over Collinwood's Railroaders last Thursday at the Collinwood gym. Coach Zednik's Raiders won eight of the eleven matches, five by pins.

John Conner, Shaker's entry in the 138-pound division, registered the fastest pin of the meet, requiring only 58 seconds. Heavyweight Ted Bryant also pinned his Collinwood opponent in the first stanza, and Dan Holmes, the 175-pound entry, pinned his man early in the second period. Veteran grappler Tom Baldwin, wrestling at 112 pounds this yera, and Ken Dettelbach at 154 registered third period wins.

At 103 pounds, John Lieser of Shaker won his match by forfeit. Other Raider victors were Jerry Jaffe at 133 pounds and George Brown, the 145-pound entry, by scores of 3-0 and 4-0 respectively.

Only one of the three Raider losses was by pin. Dick Horowitz was pinnde by Collinwood's George Sacerich in the 120-pound division. Lenny Weisa was outpointed by his 127-pound opponent, Charles Schill, and 165-pound Jack Freund was outpointed by Bob Merencky of the Railroaders.

Shaker will open 1956 with a meet against Euclid, a perennial threat, on Thursday, January 5, at the Euclid gym. The next home meet will be on Tuesday, January 10, when the Raider matmen entertain Maple Heights.

Late News

Varsity Basketball:
Shaker 58
Lakewood 60

Jay Vee Basketball:
Shaker 39
Lakewood 46

Pro Football:
Cleveland Browns 35
Chicago Cardinals 24

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